

TABLE 1-11. BIRTHS, PERINATAL AND INFANT DEATHS, AND DEATH RATES BY METHOD OF DELIVERY, CALIFORNIA, 2002  
(By Place of Residence) (Based on 2002 Birth Cohort File)

METHOD OF DELIVERY	BIRTHS		INFANT DEATHS				
	Total Births	Live Births	PERINATAL DEATHS			Post-Neonatal Deaths	Total Infant Deaths
TOTAL	532,177	529,334	4,801	2,843	1,958	947	2,905
CESAREAN	142,059	141,678	1,080	381	699	360	1,059
VAG-AFTER CS	5,190	5,127	98	63	35	4	39
VAGINAL	384,796	382,445	3,512	2,351	1,161	562	1,723
UNKNOWN	132	84	111	48	63	21	84

METHOD OF DELIVERY	INFANT DEATHS				
	PERINATAL DEATHS			Post-Neonatal	Total Infant
	Total Perinatal Death Rates	Fetal Death Rates	Neonatal Death Rates	Death Rates	Death Rates
TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	9.0	5.3	3.7	1.8	5.5
CESAREAN	7.6	2.7	4.9	2.5	7.5
VAG-AFTER CS	18.9	12.1	6.8	0.8	7.6
VAGINAL	9.1	6.1	3.0	1.5	4.5

<sup>1</sup> Includes unknown method of delivery.

Note: Total births are live births plus fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestation.

Neonatal deaths are deaths under 28 days of age.

Perinatal deaths are neonatal deaths plus fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestation.

Postneonatal deaths are deaths occurring on the 28th day and up to one year of age.

Infant deaths are under one year of age.

Fetal and perinatal death rates are per 1,000 total births.

Neonatal, postneonatal, and infant death rates are per 1,000 live births.

Death rates based on small numbers are highly unreliable.

Rates are not shown for unknown categories.

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Birth Cohort Files.